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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Hans-Henning ZUTZ

Application No.: 10/052,443

Confirmation No.: 1950

Filed: January 23, 2002

For: SLIDE RING SEAL ASSEMBLY
INCLUDING A RADIAL, ROTATION-
PREVENTING ARRANGEMENT

Art Unit: 3676

Examiner: Michael J. Kyle

Atty. Docket No. 31624-177199

Customer No.

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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 21, 2004, the shortened statutory period for response being extended to August 23, 2004, by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.